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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Claim Objections

The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claim 13 been renumbered 12. Misnumbered claim 14 been renumbered 13.

Misnumbered claim 15 been renumbered 14.

Misnumbered claim 16 been renumbered 15.

Misnumbered claim 17 been renumbered 16.

Misnumbered claim 18 been renumbered 17.

Misnumbered claim 19 been renumbered 18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12-16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dunlap et al. (US 6,560,637).

As per claim 1, Dunlap et al. teaches a method for converting an application specific presentation file stored in a first data store with corresponding metadata to a universal format for display on a web browser, comprising the steps of:

reading the metadata corresponding to the application specific file from the database (col. 4, lines 1-20);

determining from the metadata whether the file extension corresponds to the specific application (col. 4, lines 1-20);

loading the application specific file from the database (col. 4, lines 1-20);

validating that the application specific file corresponds to the specific application by examining header information of the application specific file;

converting the application specific file into a universal image file format (col. 4, lines 20-35);

modifying the resolution of the universal format file;

validating the resolution of the universal format file; and

storing the modified universal format file in a second data store for display on the web browser (col. 4, lines 35-54).

As per claim 2, Dunlap et al. teaches the method recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

uploading the application specific file to the first data store (col. 3, lines 54-68); and

detecting the uploaded application specific file in the database (col. 4, lines 15-55).

As per claim 3, the method recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

transmitting the modified universal format file to the web browser for display (col. 4, lines 50- 68).

As per claim 4, Dunlap et al. teaches the method recited in claim 1, wherein the universal image file format is a JPEG format (col. 4, line 23).

As per claim 6, Dunlap et al. teaches the method recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

converting the modified universal format file to an image stream (col. 5, lines 25-68); and
transmitting the image stream to the web browser for display (col. 4, lines 15-55).

As per claim 7. A method for converting a PowerPoint formatted presentation file stored in a first data store with corresponding metadata to a universal format for display on a web browser, comprising the steps of:

uploading the PowerPoint file to the database (col. 4, lines 1-20);
detecting the uploaded PowerPoint file in the database (col. 4, lines 1-20);
reading the metadata corresponding to the PowerPoint file from the database;
determining from the metadata whether the file extension corresponds to the specific application;
loading the PowerPoint file from the database;
validating that the PowerPoint file corresponds to the specific application by examining header information of the PowerPoint file;
dispatching the PowerPoint file to a converter algorithm application;

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converting the PowerPoint file into a universal image file format format (col. 4, lines 20-35);

modifying the resolution of the universal format file;

validating the resolution of the universal format file;

storing the modified universal format file in a second data store (col. 4, lines 35-54); and

transmitting the modified universal format file to the web browser for display (col. 4, lines 15-55).

As per claim 8, which is dependent on claim 7, it is of the same scope as claim 2. (see rejection above)

As per claim 9, which is dependent on claim 7, it is of the same scope as claim 3. (see rejection above)

As per claim 10, which is dependent on claim 7, it is of the same scope as claim 4. (see rejection above)

As per claim 12, which is dependent on claim 7, it is of the same scope as claim 6. (see rejection above)

As per claim 13, it is rejected with same rationale as claim 1. (see rejection above)

As per claim 14, which is dependent on claim 13, it is of the same scope as claim 2. (see rejection above)

As per claim 15, which is dependent on claim 13, it is of the same scope as claim 3. (see rejection above)

As per claim 16, which is dependent on claim 13, it is of the same scope as claim 4. (see rejection above)

As per claim 18, which is dependent on claim 13, it is of the same scope as claim 6. (see rejection above)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 11, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunlap (US 6,560,637).

As per claim 5, Dunlap et al. teaches the method recited in claim 1. However, he fails to teach wherein the modifying step modifies the resolution of the universal format file to 400 X 300. The limitation that the lugs extend at the 135 degree angle is not disclosed as having any specific purpose nor solving any stated problem.

Examiner takes official notice that modify the resolution of the universal format file to 400 X 300 is well knownⁿ in the art.

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include this well knownⁿ feature with method of Dunlap in order to provide a display for the outdated monitor.

As per claim 11, which is dependent on claim 7, it is of the same scope as claim 5. (see rejection above)

As per claim 17, which is dependent on claim 13, it is of the same scope as claim 5. (see rejection above)

Conclusion

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to file conversion:

Dinan et al. (US 2002/0087267) : discloses a graphical interactive interface for immersive online communities.

Estrada et al. (US 6,744,447) : discloses a method and system for compiling and using placebo agents for automatically accessing processing, and managing the data in a place.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peng Ke whose telephone number is (703) 305-7615. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L Kincaid can be reached on (703) 308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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